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Apparently Governor Leary wants reinforcements not against the natives of Guam but for the purpose of keeping his own men in order. There seems to have been something very like a mutiny in the garrison, brought about by the fact that the men of the marine corps were put to work building roads, repairing and providing water works and so forth. The men struck work and the Governor threatened to "shoot or hang everyone of them." Decidedly Guam needs to be in telegraphic touch with headquarters.

Ignatius Donnelly told the world that it was Bacon and not Shakespeare who wrote the great plays, and backed himself by the "great crypto-gram," which has remained secretly hidden ever since. Now James Hay comes forward and questions whether Sir Walter Scott wrote the "Waverley" novels. James Ballantyne is the man, according to Mr. Hay, to whom should be credited the title of the "Great Unknown." This is the veriest kind of literary garbage, and it gives one to see any man of literary reputation taking up such a cause. But literary quacks go the same way as other quacks, and their end is not enviable.

The case of the Lord Mayor of London being charged with unfair stock dealing is a serious blow to the commercial honor of the city. The Lord Mayor is the choice of the mercantile community of the principal mart of the world. His character and his transactions ought to be perfectly well known to all the electors. If they have knowingly elected a man whom the Lord Chancellor, when he administered the oath, considered himself called upon to warn that he would have to clear his name of the charges against him, the mercantile community certainly stultified itself and has lowered the dignity of the proudest civic office in the world.

It is pleasing to see a number of Hampton men among the ranks of the negro regiment now in Honolulu on its way to Manila. General Armstrong led a negro regiment during the Civil War and then set to work to show how the sword could be beaten into the ploughshare, and the soldier turned into the civilian, while he did a grander work when he preached and practiced the practical advancement of the negro. His success was phenomenal and he built for himself "monumentum aere perennius," a monument more enduring than brass. And now one finds that though he taught the negro the arts of peace, when his adopted country called for his services in war the negro was ready to give his life for the United States, and fight for the Stars and Stripes among the rice fields and swamps of Manila. The graduates of Hampton stand high in the regiment for character and influence.

THE UNDERSTANDING.

Is there an agreement between the three great powers? That is a question that all Europe is discussing just at present. The visit of the Emperor of Germany to England, the remarks of Mr. Chamberlain and of Mr. Choate, all point to the fact that there is a mutual understanding between the United States, Germany and Great Britain. The object of this understanding is to keep Russia and France in check.

The United States is interested in China, with which country its trade is increasing by leaps and bounds. The policy of Russia would be to close the markets of China to the rest of the world and monopolize them herself. Russia again is ever pushing southward towards India, and an aggressive movement upon Afghanistan, at the present moment, might set the world afire. France has a keen eye upon northern Africa, where it is decidedly not German policy that she should be in the ascendancy.

The reasons for the understanding are thus plain enough. Such an understanding does not mean an alliance, but it means a policy which will "call hands off" when it is proper, and united power enough to prevent any one from daring to dispute the call.

HAWAIIAN CONDITIONS.

Secretary Root in his report discusses the form of government to be given to the Porto Ricans. In this he points out the ignorance of the people of any modern form of government and suggests giving them as much participation as possible, without enabling "their inexperience to make it ineffective," and further he urges that there should be opportunities afforded the people to increase their capacity for government. Now the conditions in Hawaii are very different from those in Porto Rico. What would be the voting classes here—viz: the Hawaiians, Americans and Europeans are by no means ignorant of "any modern form of government."

They have most of them experienced two forms, the limited monarchy and the Republic. They are well educated in political methods used in the United States, and the basis of their law is similar to that of the United States.

Had this population stepped directly from monarchy and monarchical methods into Republicanism of the American type, there might have been some necessity for a period of tutelage as it were. But the Hawaiian Islands have worked out the republican problem in five years and are schooled in republican methods. Then again it cannot be too strongly urged that the percentage of literacy among Hawaiians is very large, and that the rising generation on the islands is remarkably well taught, displaying a better general knowledge than many populations in the various States.

To the population of Hawaii, other than Asiatic, a large measure of self government may be safely entrusted. Self government to the Hawaiian is no new thing and the more he is made to feel his responsibilities the more valuable a citizen he will become. Give people an object in life, interest them in their local politics, let them learn that they must depend upon themselves and not upon others, and you will produce self reliant and active minded men. Local self government is the Hawaiian watchword, and the fuller it is, the better it will be.

A CHANGE DESIRABLE.

The question of the desirability of Lahaina for the court is once more to the fore. In times past Lahaina was the great place in Maui. At present it is not. The center of population has moved away and Wailuku is without doubt the place where the court should be held. Wailuku is easily reached from every part of the island. The Hama people can easily get to Wailuku, even if they have to go overland, but it is a very different thing getting to Lahaina. For the Makawao people Lahaina is a day's journey, and a pretty hard one, whereas Wailuku is but a morning's ride. There remains Kaanapali. Now that is a sparsely settled district and very few jurors are called from there. Moreover it is as easy for people from Honokohau of Kaanapali to get to Wailuku as it is to get to Lahaina, while it is much easier to reach Wailuku from Kahakuloa than it is to reach Lahaina. It remains that holding court at Lahaina is only of advantage to Honokohau and Olowalu, two small districts as compared with the large, fertile, and thickly populated districts of the rest of the island.

This matter is more easily understood if any one will study the map of the island and the population figures according to last census. Wailuku is central—Lahaina is away off in the western corner of the island. The Lahaina district had 2,398 inhabitants, Wailuku 6,072 inhabitants, Makawao 5,464 inhabitants, and Hana 3,792.

Of course the position of Lahaina as a judicial center comes from its former importance as a whaling center. In the fifties there were scores of whaling ships drawn up in the roadstead and Lahaina almost rivalled Honolulu in importance. From the present court house to the present site of the mill at Olowalu, there was a continuous row of grass houses and a teeming Hawaiian population. Now a quarter of a mile from the court house there is not a cottage, and the ride between Lahaina and Olowalu is one of the dreariest on the islands, while Lahaina itself is a symphony in dryrot.

Towns or villages have their period of development as all other human affairs. Lahaina budded, flowered, and has faded. It is absurd to keep trying to galvanize a moribund entity such as it is, to the detriment of the legal business of the island and the utter discomfort of jurymen and many members of the bar. The populous districts of Maui had better start a campaign for obtaining a change.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

Very Successful Ones Held at Paia and Kohala.

PAIA (Maui), December 9.—One of the most successful teachers' meetings ever held on Maui was held last Monday at Hamakuaapoko. Every part of the island was represented. About fifty teachers were present. President C. W. Baldwin presided.

The following papers were presented:
 1.—"How to Teach the Geography of Maui," S. Kellin.
 2.—"Concentration as Applied to Hawaiian Schools," W. E. Reavis.
 3.—"Reading Books in Hawaiian Schools," W. C. Crook.
 4.—"Botany in Hawaiian Schools," Miss Simpson.
 5.—"Grammar in Hawaiian Schools," J. A. Moore.
 6.—"Elementary Science in Hawaiian Schools," J. H. Nishwitz.
 7.—"Industrial Education in Hawaiian Schools," C. W. Baldwin.
 8.—"Basket Making," Miss Watson.
 9.—"Sewing in Hawaiian Schools," Miss Eliza dos Reis.
 10.—"Hawaiian Soils," D. D. Baldwin.
 11.—Reports of Local Circles in Each District.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, W. C. Crook; vice-president, Miss Turner; secretary, S. Kellin; executive committee, W. E. Reavis, Miss Fleming and C. W. Baldwin.

KOHALA, December 9.—The Kohala Teachers' Association held its first regular meeting at the seminary Friday, November 24th. Mrs. J. N. Bell had charge of the meeting. Her subject was "Primary Arithmetic." A general discussion followed.

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CHARLES H. AHERTON,
Secretary H. R. T. & L. Co.
Honolulu, December 1, 1899.

NOTICE.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

At a special meeting of the stockholders of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., held this day, the following officers and director to fill vacancies, were elected to serve for the unexpired term:

John Ena—President, vice W. B. Godfrey, resigned.
 James L. McLean—Vice-President, vice J. Ena, elected President.
 Norman E. Gedge—Treasurer, vice J. L. McLean, elected Vice-President.
 W. B. Godfrey—Director.

NORMAN E. GEDGE,
Secretary.
Honolulu, H. I., Nov. 13, 1899.

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Honolulu, December 1, 1899.

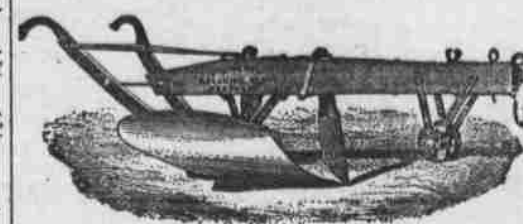
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